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**REQUEST
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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Filing Date	December 16, 1999
First Named Inventor	Louis Centofanti et al.
Group Art Unit	1754
Examiner Name	Edward M. Johnson
Attorney Docket Number	44861/236277 (16715-0121)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **April 28, 2003**.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) A copy of this reply is enclosed for reference.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. Check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed for the following fees:
 - i. RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
 - ii. Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

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Serial No.: **09/464,253**) Art Unit: **1754**
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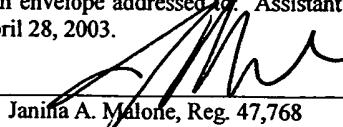
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003, the period for response which expires on April 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows and reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following remarks. April 27, 2003 is a Sunday, this Response is therefore being filed on April 28, 2003.

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